



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Caroline OSTERHOFF et al.

Examiner: ULM, John

Serial No.: 10/668,181

Group Art Unit: **1649**

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Title: **EPIDIDYMIS-SPECIFIC RECEPTOR PROTEIN AND ITS USE**

REPLY

MAIL STOP: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith and the Notice of Appeal filed October 16, 2006, and in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 16, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.